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## LEELANAU COUNTY 4-H AWARDS



SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2023  
THE BAY THEATRE IN SUTTONS BAY  
NOON TO 3 PM

RSVP BY JANUARY 6TH TO [COLLIERR@MSU.EDU](mailto:COLLIERR@MSU.EDU)  
AWARDS, FOOD, AND FREE SHOWING OF SHREK



## A Green Carpet Event: Leelanau County 4-H Awards Celebration on January 15<sup>th</sup>

Please join us for the 2022 annual awards celebration, taking place on Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, from noon to 3:00 pm at the Bay Theatre in Suttons Bay. We will have our awards presentation, pizza, pop, treats, and then a showing of the classic movie “Shrek”, with popcorn included! If you are part of a 4-H club, you are welcome to RSVP by Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. Club leaders, please get your total number (adults and youth) and let us know. We are thrilled to see you all there!

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# COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## Two Leelanau 4-H Teens Serving on Michigan 4-H Statewide Leadership Teams

Congratulations to both Isabelle Plamondon and Everett Howell, who are local Leelanau 4-H teen leaders who have each been selected to serve on statewide leadership teams.

Isabelle Plamondon, member of Frontier Quest 300 4-H Club, and a tenth grade student at Suttons Bay High School, has just been selected to be part of the Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council (SYLC). Established in 2015, SYLC is a statewide leadership opportunity for Michigan 4-H Youth Development. The SYLC website, at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/sylc/news>, describes the council in this way: "SYLC members (ages 15-19) serve as representatives of the Michigan 4-H program, promoting 4-H through state and local activities, and provide youth voice and perspective to inform statewide programs and goals. SYLC strives to create an environment where its members can network and share ideas, programs, and experiences with other 4-H members from across the state." Isabelle went through an application process and then an interview in order to be selected as a new member of the SYLC team. This is a huge honor, and we are so proud of Isabelle for representing Leelanau County in a statewide capacity! Congratulations, Isabelle!



Everett Howell, member of the Leelanau County 4-H Youth Association, and a tenth grade student at Greenspire High School, was selected to be part of the Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience Steering Committee after last year's Capitol Experience down in Lansing. He also applied for and was interviewed by MSU Extension educators in order to be selected for this youth/adult committee that plans the next year's Capitol Experience. For more information about Capitol Experience, please visit [https://www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_capitol\\_experience/](https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_capitol_experience/) Everett said that he enjoyed the event down on campus so much that he wanted to help plan the next one, especially since this one will be back to the in-person, three-day event. Youth from all over the state take part in issue groups, meet with legislators, visit the Capitol Building, practice public-speaking, and more! Thank you for your contributions to this wonderful 4-H event\*! Congratulations, Everett!



\*Special note: if you are interested in taking part in this amazing learning event, save March 12-14 on your calendar. Scholarships are available. Please reach out to Rosali Collier with any questions: [collierr@msu.edu](mailto:collierr@msu.edu)





# Leelanau County 4-H Babysitting Club



6th - 8th Grade Students  
(class size limit of 20)

**DATES & TIMES:**

Five Sunday Meetings\*

Feb 5 and 12

1 - 4:00 pm (CPR/1st Aid)

February 19, 26, & Mar 5

1 - 3:00 pm \* (curriculum)

\*Note the earlier ending time for the last three meetings

**LOCATION:**

Suttons Bay Bingham Fire Station, 201 N. St. Mary's Ave, Suttons Bay

**COST:**

\$30.00 - Includes the CPR certificate fee, binder, and materials

Partnering with the Suttons Bay Bingham Fire & Rescue Station

Club Leaders: Kathy Swinney & Rosali Collier

**Questions?**

Call - 231-256-9888 or email

Rosali: [collierr@msu.edu](mailto:collierr@msu.edu)

**INTRODUCTION TO BABYSITTING:**

Interested in becoming a babysitter and want to learn more about caring for kids? Join us in-person with the Leelanau County 4-H Babysitting Club and learn about all it takes to be a great babysitter. We will learn about how children develop, staying safe while babysitting (CPR and First Aid Training with Josh Porter included), how to entertain children and about how the business of babysitting works. Class will be held over five Sundays.

- Youth who complete both CPR/first aid days on February 5 and 12 will receive a 2 year certification from the **American Heart Association**.
- Learn about the responsibilities of babysitting and becoming a capable, caring, trustworthy and responsible sitter.
- Learn and practice skills and techniques needed to become a good babysitter.
- Help develop the confidence needed to handle situations that could happen when babysitting. Prepare youth in the business aspects of babysitting.

**HOW TO REGISTER**

Registration is a 2 step process! **1st** - Register with 4-H Online 2.0 @ <https://v2.4honline.com/> for the "Leelanau County 4-H Babysitting Club". **2nd** - Send your check made out to "Leelanau 4-H" to the MSU-E office at: 8527 E. Govt. Center Drive, Suite 107, Suttons Bay, MI 49682

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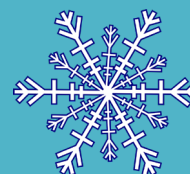
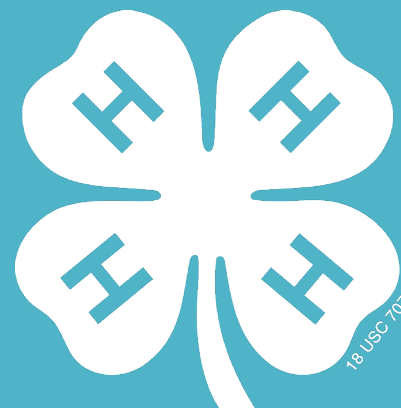


## Leelanau County

## 4-H Babysitting

## Club Open for

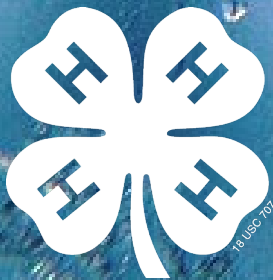
## Registration!



The Leelanau County 4-H Babysitting Club is taking registrations for the 2023 year. Open to all youth in grades 6th-8th, and limited to a class size of 20, the club will meet on five Sundays: February 5 and 12, from 1-4:00 pm for the CPR/First Aid portion, and February 19, 26, and March 5, from 1-3:00 p.m. (note the shorter time) for the curriculum portion at the Suttons Bay Bingham Fire and Rescue Station. Cost is \$30, which includes the First Aid/CPR certification fee, snacks, and materials. Youth will learn about how children develop, safety while babysitting, ways to entertain children of different ages and stages, and about the business of babysitting. Youth will receive materials and a First Aid/CPR Certificate from the American Heart Association after completion of the club. How to register: Register with 4HOnline 2.0 at <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in> for the Leelanau County 4-H Babysitting Club, and then send your check made out to "Leelanau 4-H" to the Michigan State University Extension office at 8527 E Government Center Dr., Suite 107, Suttons Bay, MI 49682. Registration Deadline is Friday, January 27, 2023. Questions? Contact the Leelanau 4-H office at 256-9888 or email the coordinator and co-leader, Rosali Collier, at [collierr@msu.edu](mailto:collierr@msu.edu)

## Tiny Tappers and Tap Time 4-H Clubs Finding the Beat with 4-H Leader Robin Carden

The eleven cloverbuds who joined the Tiny Tappers 4-H Club for the November/December session at Leland Public School learned so much from 4-H volunteer Robin Carden and her two teen leaders, Clara Aldridge and Nathan Sanderson. The club met a total of five times over six weeks after school in Mr. Evans' room, which is equipped with a wooden dance floor, a wall of mirrors, and bleachers for the audience. And when these Tiny Tappers danced for their performance, there was an audience of community members, parents, teachers, and older students. They did an amazing job, and also wore their Christmas costumes for their performance. Tap Time's six club members (older and more experienced tappers), along with co-leader Natasha Martinson, also had their performance this past week, and absolutely shined. The next session of Tiny Tappers will be held starting in January on Thursdays and continuing through March, with 9 students, and Tap Time (for experienced Tiny Tappers and beginners ages 8-9) will also start up again in January on Wednesdays. Spots are still available in both clubs. For help getting registered in 4HOnline, contact the Leelanau 4-H office at 256-9888.



## TAP TIME 4-H CLUB

4-H Tap Dance Teacher: Robin Carden  
Who: For up to 8 youth, ages 5-7 (returning) & 8-9 (new)  
When: Wednesdays, Jan 4-Mar 15, 3:30-4:00  
Where: Leland Public School, Mr. Evans' Room  
Questions? Email Rosali Collier at [collierr@msu.edu](mailto:collierr@msu.edu)

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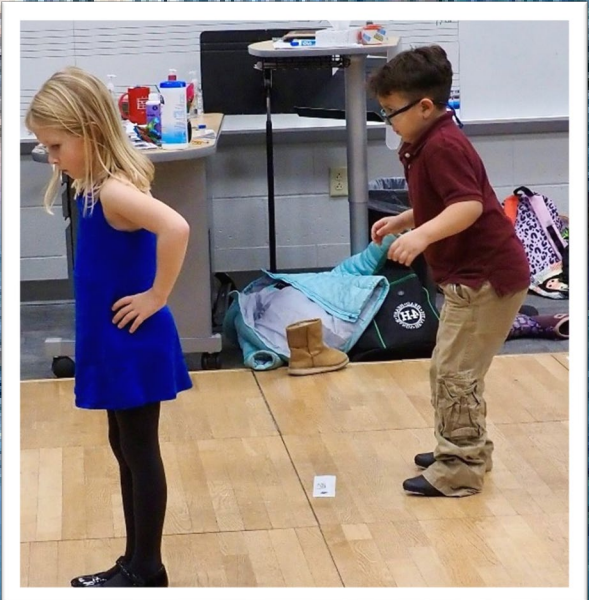
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Tiny tappers continued...



# TINY TAPPERS 4-H CLUB



4-H Tap Dance Teacher: Robin Carden  
Who: For up to 7 youth, ages 5-7  
When: Thursdays, Jan 5-Mar 16, 3:30-4:00  
Where: Leland Public School, Mr. Evans' Room  
Questions? Email Rosali Collier at [collierr@msu.edu](mailto:collierr@msu.edu)

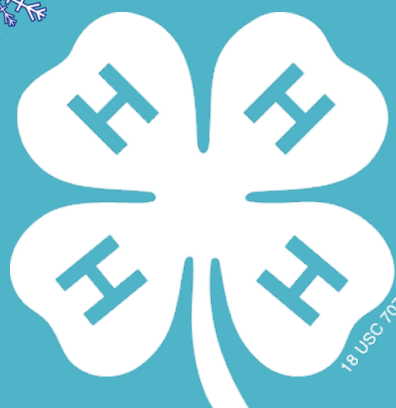
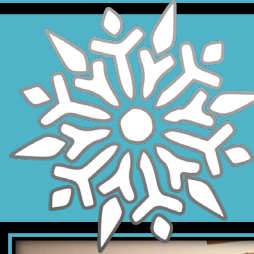
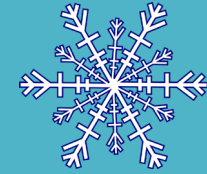
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# You "Wood" Not Believe These Tree House Designs from Make Our Way 4-H Club!

The 4-H youth in Michael Parson's new SPIN club held at Leelanau Montessori are creating some incredible tree house designs. This week is their final club meeting for 2022, but then the club is going to come up with something new they would like to focus on. They have used multiple kinds of materials, including our collection of 4-H iPads (for anyone's use in 4-H), and have worked to create their own designs and follow their own ideas. Michael said, "The iPads will be in use again, and I expect high levels of excitement about all the things the kids would still like to get done. Those conversations within the club will help drive what we do next and where." This is a 4-H leader who really wants to encourage the interests and "sparks" of each youth in his club, and let those interests drive what the club does at their meeting each week. The focus is Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math, with outdoor learning at the center. Interested in having your child join? The club will have openings again this winter, and will be advertised soon.





## The Pathfinder School 4-H Garden Club is Growing This Winter!

The 4-H Jr. Master Gardener Club leader, Tom Kain, said that the new greenhouse has been installed, with the help of the eight club members, and the new raised garden beds have been placed in it to allow for growth over the winter months at the school. The entire school will be able to benefit from these being installed there on site, and Tom is looking forward to planning a new spring session with his club members. He wrote: "So exciting to be a part of the process and have the support of local organizations like the 4-H Foundation." The Leelanau County 4-H Youth Association is also supporting the club and the school's gardening projects, with donations from local entities such as the Johnson Foundation.







# Thunderbirds on Target 4-H Archery Club Has Gone Fishing, Too!



Above Photo: Indoor practice with new fishing rods.

Joe Blondia, our 4-H leader for Thunderbirds on Target at the Leelanau School, mentioned to me how much he enjoys teaching fishing to students at the school, and I said "let's add that to your archery club as an activity! What do you need?" The club now has two fishing rods (Orvis Encounter Series for those in the know) to use at the school, and they have already started their indoor archery sessions, as well, as the weather has turned.

One thing that has proved very successful in recent years is to have folks who are already connected to a local school become 4-H volunteers, and then share their interests with students at that school. It's a great connection for all, immediately creates adult/youth mentorship, and provides amazing 4-H experiential learning opportunities for the students. If you have any ideas about starting a new club at your local Leelanau County school, please reach out to Rosali at [collierr@msu.edu](mailto:collierr@msu.edu). You can become a volunteer, and I can help you organize a club and help to fund what you need.

Below photos: Indoor target practice





## No Leelanau 4-H Ski and Snowboard Program in 2023

Unfortunately, we needed to cancel this year's Ski and Snowboard program at The Homestead. The resort was unable to find enough instructors for our program. In order for the program to be counted as a 4-H experience, we need to offer education in the form of lessons. Otherwise, it's just skiing and boarding, and not a focus on youth education. The employment market has not been providing enough potential candidates the last couple of years, and this year has been showing the same trend. We tried modifications, reaching out to different groups, and even talking about increasing pay for the time spent with our 4-H youth. We are truly sad that we couldn't offer it this coming winter, and we will try again next year. We really appreciate our twenty-plus years of partnership with The Homestead—the staff has been amazing there, and always worked to make our experience there each season memorable and fun.



Update: The 4-H Ski and Snowboard Program will **not** be held this season at The Homestead, sadly, due to a lack of ski and board instructors. We will miss seeing all of you this winter!



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# NW MI 4-H Livestock Council Information

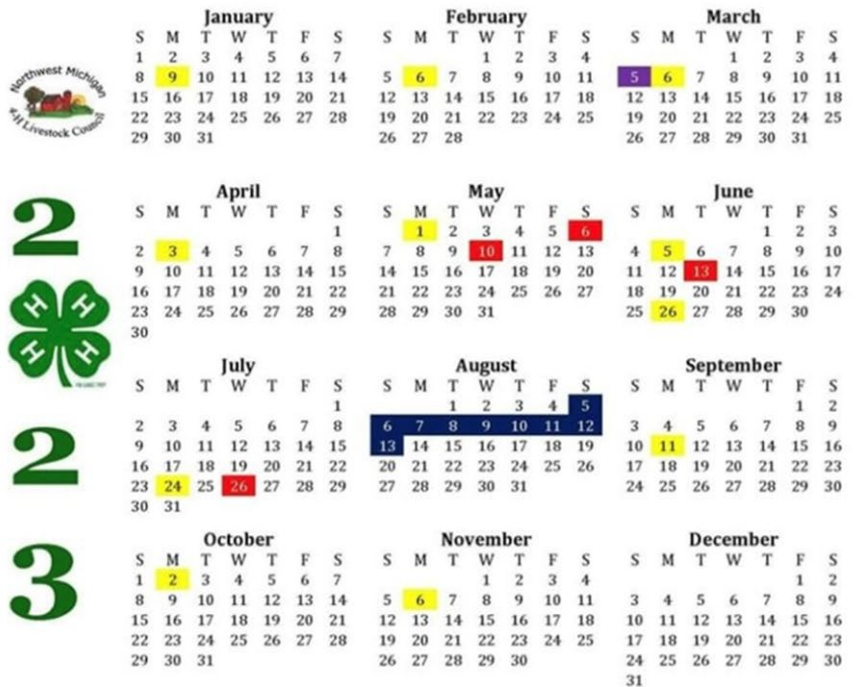
Next Northwest Michigan 4-H Livestock Council Meeting: Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:30 pm at the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Grawn. Large Beef Registrations are due!!

Please welcome our new board members that evening, ask questions, and take part in making decisions that will help our 4-H youth and volunteers have a fantastic Fair 2023!

Interested in helping out with the Tanner 4-H Exhibit Building Committee this year? Please reach out to Rosali. We will be making some changes with how we do judging this summer, and these will be added to the new Fair Premium Book by the end of January. We need a new theme for the club booth displays! One idea is "Tell Your 4-H Story", with each club telling their 4-H story through their own club display. Every club is unique and approaches 4-H in a different way! We will also still be continuing to judge independent projects for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbons in the Tanner Building, with cloverbuds still able to earn a participation ribbon, too.



Here is the 2023 Calander of events. This is also on the website. We will have some copies printed at the January 2023 meeting. Make sure to schedule your workbees into your busy schedules and we will be having an Education Expo on March 5!



Livestock Council Meetings		
Date	Time	Due at Meeting
January 9, 2023	6:30 p.m.	Large Beef Registration
February 6, 2023	6:30 p.m.	Swine Registration
March 6, 2023	6:30 p.m.	Dairy Feeder, Goat, Jr. Beef, Lamb, and Poultry Registrations
April 3, 2023	6:30 p.m.	
May 1, 2023	6:30 p.m.	Horse, Llama and Alpaca, Rabbit, and Cavy Registration
June 5, 2023	6:30 p.m.	Dog Registrations
June 26, 2023	6:30 p.m.	
July 24, 2023	6:30 p.m.	
September 11, 2023	6:30 p.m.	Record Books
October 2, 2023	6:30 p.m.	Thank You Notes
November 6, 2023	6:30 p.m.	**ANNUAL MEETING**

Education Expo: 03/05/2023	
2023 Workbees	
05/06/2023	9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
05/10/2023	6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
06/13/2023	6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
07/26/2023	6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Northwestern Michigan Fair Week:  
August 5 - 12, 2023





Get your 4-H Gear Here!  
Stop by our office M-F  
between the hours of 8:00-4:00

The office will be closed Dec 23-26 and January 2, 2023





# Save the Date! 4-H Exploration Days June 21-23, 2023

## What's It All About?



About 2,000 youth (ages 12-19) and chaperones from across Michigan attend annually.

This fun MSU pre-college program could be the highlight of your summer - it could even change your life!

4-H Exploration Days registration goes from mid-March through April with session assignments made on a first-come, first-served basis. As you select your session choices, be sure to watch for age restrictions! **Age requirements for sessions are based on your age as of January 1.**

## Beyond the fun you will have when you go, this MSU pre-college program is designed to:

- Increase responsibility, confidence, independence, accountability, problem-solving, decision-making and time management skills.
- Increase communication, teamwork, citizenship, and leadership skills.
- Foster ability to meet new people and make new friends from different places and backgrounds.
- Develop and expand career and personal interests.
- Increase college exploration and access to the [Michigan State University](https://www.msu.edu) campus and its resources.
- Develop social and academic skills needed for a successful transition to college and life as an adult.
- Give youth opportunities to try things that aren't available in their county.

## What's it like?

- There'll be more than 100 session choices held on and off campus. You'll choose two or three for your three-day stay.
- You'll live in a Michigan State University dorm and eat in the cafeteria—just like MSU students do.
- Sessions are taught by people who know their stuff, including MSU faculty members, 4-H volunteers and staff members and other experts.
- It's not all sessions! There's plenty of time for fun, including skating, souvenir shopping, exploring, bowling, basketball—even a great dance Thursday night.
- **The 2023 cost is \$220.** For more information please see the [Registration Information](#) page. The fee includes meals, a shared room in a dorm, sessions and a t-shirt. Leelanau County 4-H has several scholarships available for youth to attend, and we pay for our 4-H volunteers to go.
- **Registration opens Spring 2023.** Registration books that show all of the sessions and details on everything happening during Exploration Days will be available online and from county Extension offices in March.
- Registration deadline will be the end of April, and please don't wait until the deadline though, because popular sessions fill up fast!
- Leelanau County offers an affordable school **bus ride** to East Lansing and then back home for any interested 4-H youth or volunteers. Details about this will be shared soon.





Happy Holidays from  
all of us here at the  
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